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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: EFIS, BR

SUBJECT: SHRIMP FISHING AGREEMENT

1. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE REPORTED  
OUT IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION FOR US-BRAZIL SHRIMP FISHING  
AGREEMENT. FLOOR ACTION ON HOUSE EXPECTED DECEMBER 5.  
THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF SENATE ACTION BY END OF WEEK.  
PROBABILITY NOW VERY GOOD THAT LEGISLATION WILL BE COM-  
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PLETED AND SIGNED INTO LAW BY END OF YEAR.

2. ON BASIS ABOVE INFORMATION, EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH

GOB AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND SUGGEST ONE YEAR EXTENSION  
PRESENT AGREEMENT. THE BRAZILIANS HAVE TOLD US AND  
JAPANESE THAT THEY ARE NOW CONSIDERING MULTILATERAL NEGOTI-  
ATIONS COVERING SHRIMP FISHING NEXT YEAR. IT IS OUR HOPE  
HOWEVER THAT GOB WILL AGREE TO EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT  
WITH US PENDING EITHER OUTCOME OF LOS CONFERENCE NEXT  
SUMMER OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT BRAZILIANS WORK OUT WITH  
SHRIMP FISHING NATIONS. WE ARE ANXIOUS THAT SOME AGREE-  
MENT BE REACHED SO THAT WE ARE NOT FACED WITH PERIOD OF  
TIME IN WHICH THERE IS NO ACCORD REGULATING ACTIVITIES OF  
FISHERMEN IN THE AREA. YOU CAN, OF COURSE, POINT OUT TO  
BRAZILIANS THAT UNDER EXISTING AGREEMENT SEASON CLOSED  
NOVEMBER 30 AND WILL NOT OPEN AGAIN UNTIL MARCH 1.  
EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT THEREFORE WOULD RESULT IN CONTROL-

ING ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD OTHERWISE RESULT IN INCIDENT  
MAKING RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM MUCH MORE DIFFICULT AND  
EFFECTING US-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS MORE BROADLY. COOPERA-  
TION WHICH WE HAVE SO FAR RECEIVED FROM FISHING INDUSTRY  
HAS BEEN EXCELLENT AND EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT WOULD ASSURE  
CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS WITH IT.

3. FYI:IF THE GOB UNWILLING EXTEND AGREEMENT FOR AS LONG AS  
ONE YEAR WE WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER EXTENSION FOR  
SHORTER PERIOD. ALTERNATIVELY, AGREEMENT MIGHT BE EX-  
TENDED UNTIL ENTRY INTO FORCE OF ALTERNATIVE AGREEMENT OR  
LOS CONFERENCE SPONSORED ARRANGEMENT SHOULD ONE COME ABOUT.  
END FYI.

4. YOU CAN TELL BRAZILIANS THAT YOU WOULD NOT EXPECT  
FORMAL AGREEMENT ON EXTENSION TO BE MADE UNTIL IMPLEMENT-  
ING LEGISLATION IS PASSED AND BECOMES LAW OR AT LEAST  
UNTIL US FULFILLS OBLIGATION TO PAY DOLS 400,000 FOR LAST  
TWO SEASONS. HOWEVER, YOU MAY ADD, WITH PROSPECTS FOR  
PASSAGE SO GOOD WE BELIEVE IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO DISCUSS  
THE MATTER WITH THEM. KISSINGER

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